Allotment of Janata Cloth to Andhra Pradesh

4891. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the quantity of Janata cloth allotted to Andhra Pradesh during 1991–92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): Andhra Pradesh was originally allotted a production target of 52.00 million square metres for 1991–92 under Janata Cloth Scheme. An additional target of 5 million square metres has been recently allotted.

Facilities Provided by Defence Laboratories to Industrialists

4892. R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have urged the industrialist to use defence laboratories to introduce new technologies and high quality in their products to meet stiff international competition;

(b) if so, the facilities that are being provided by the Defence Laboratories to industrialists; and

(c) the number of industrialists who have so far utilised this facility?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Raksha Mantri while addressing 5th Congress on High Technology, New Delhi on 21 Nov. 1991 had stated that where needed, our industries can use Defence Laboratories as a carrier to introduce new technologies and the quality culture in their products as the French and American industries have done. This steps has benefitted these countries by transferring military technology culture to civil industry.

(b) Civil industry can avail the technologies and expertise available at the defence laboratories not only for producing items required for defence but also for using the know–how for producing civil products as well. The availability will of course depend upon the present laod experienced by the particular laboratory.

(c) Defence Research and Development Organisation has transferred 153 technologies to the industries during last five years. This includes, for instance, 27 technologies transferred by Defence Food Research Laboratory, Mysore and 22 technologies transferred by Instrument Research and Development Establishment, Dehradun.

Foreign Aid Through Aid India Consortium

4893. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aid India Consortium has pledged aid assistance of U.S. $ 6.7 billion to India;

(b) if so, the countries which have contributed for this purpose and the amount of the assistance from each country; and

(c) the terms and conditions, if any, on which the assistance is being given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is given in the statement attached.

(c) The details regarding terms and conditions of foreign aid to be provided will be determined only after the aid negotiations are finalised with each donor agency.